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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Miss Mississippi Visits State Personnel Board (MSPB)**

May 19, 2011, JACKSON, Miss. — Miss Mississippi Sarah Beth James made an official appearance at today's Mississippi State Personnel Board meeting. Sarah Beth shared information about her activities during the past 11 months as Miss Mississippi, including visits to 20 elementary schools promoting a tobacco-free lifestyle, frequent visits to Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital, and participation in numerous ceremonies and parades throughout the State. In addition to her many appearances, Sarah Beth also shared her passion for promoting organ and tissue donation. Inspired by the gift of life that was given to a family friend in need of a liver transplant several years ago, Sarah Beth is a strong advocate for educating Mississippians about the life-saving benefits of organ and tissue donation.

Sara Beth is the daughter of Faye James, Director of the Personal Service Contract Review Board at MSPB.

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